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ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ARREST THREE SUSPECTS FOR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Irvine Police Department and University of California Irvine Police Department arrested three suspects last night in the City of Irvine for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. The operation was conducted in the general vicinity of the University of Irvine campus.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults comply, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement also conducted a program called a Cops-In-Shops Operation which targets minors who try to buy alcohol from retailer using false ID. During this operation two minor patrons were arrested for trying to buy alcohol using false ID. The penalty for using false ID is a \$250.00 fine, 32 hours of community service.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at 714-558-4101.